

SB 6236 - S AMD 8

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.04.311 and 2004 c 271 s 105 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Nominating primaries for general elections to be held in November,
6 and the election of precinct committee officers, must be held on the
7 third Tuesday of the preceding (~~September or on the seventh Tuesday~~
8 ~~immediately preceding such general election, whichever occurs first~~)
9 August.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.04.321 and 2004 c 271 s 106 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) All state, county, city, town, and district general elections
13 for the election of federal, state, legislative, judicial, county,
14 city, town, and district officers, and for the submission to the voters
15 of the state, county, city, town, or district of any measure for their
16 adoption and approval or rejection, shall be held on the first Tuesday
17 after the first Monday of November, in the year in which they may be
18 called. A statewide general election shall be held on the first
19 Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each year. However, the
20 statewide general election held in odd-numbered years shall be limited
21 to (a) city, town, and district general elections as provided for in
22 RCW 29A.04.330, or as otherwise provided by law; (b) the election of
23 federal officers for the remainder of any unexpired terms in the
24 membership of either branch of the Congress of the United States; (c)
25 the election of state and county officers for the remainder of any
26 unexpired terms of offices created by or whose duties are described in
27 Article II, section 15, Article III, sections 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22,
28 and 23, and Article IV, sections 3 and 5 of the state Constitution and
29 RCW 2.06.080; (d) the election of county officers in any county

1 governed by a charter containing provisions calling for general county
2 elections at this time; and (e) the approval or rejection of state
3 measures, including proposed constitutional amendments, matters
4 pertaining to any proposed constitutional convention, initiative
5 measures and referendum measures proposed by the electorate, referendum
6 bills, and any other matter provided by the legislature for submission
7 to the electorate.

8 (2) A county legislative authority may(~~(, if it deems an emergency~~
9 ~~to exist,)) call a special county election by presenting a resolution
10 to the county auditor (~~(at least forty-five days))~~) prior to the
11 proposed election date. Except as provided in subsection (4) of this
12 section, a special election called by the county legislative authority
13 shall be held on one of the following dates as decided by such
14 governing body:~~

- 15 (a) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February;
- 16 (b) The second Tuesday in March;
- 17 (c) The fourth Tuesday in April;
- 18 (d) The third Tuesday in May;
- 19 (e) The day of the primary as specified by RCW 29A.04.311; or
- 20 (f) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

21 (3) A resolution calling for a special election on a date set forth
22 in subsection (2)(a) through (d) of this section must be presented to
23 the county auditor at least fifty-two days prior to the election date.
24 A resolution calling for a special election on a date set forth in
25 subsection (2)(e) or (f) of this section must be presented to the
26 county auditor at least eighty-four days prior to the election date.

27 (4) In addition to the dates set forth in subsection (2)(a) through
28 (f) of this section, a special election to validate an excess levy or
29 bond issue may be called at any time to meet the needs resulting from
30 fire, flood, earthquake, or other act of God. Such county special
31 election shall be noticed and conducted in the manner provided by law.

32 ((+4)) (5) In a presidential election year, if a presidential
33 preference primary is conducted in February, March, April, or May under
34 chapter 29A.56 RCW, the date on which a special election may be called
35 by the county legislative authority under subsection (2) of this
36 section during the month of that primary is the date of the
37 presidential primary.

1 ~~((5))~~ (6) This section shall supersede the provisions of any and
2 all other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having
3 different dates for such city, town, and district elections, the
4 purpose of this section being to establish mandatory dates for holding
5 elections except for those elections held pursuant to a home-rule
6 charter adopted under Article XI, section 4 of the state Constitution.
7 This section shall not be construed as fixing the time for holding
8 primary elections, or elections for the recall of any elective public
9 officer.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.04.330 and 2004 c 266 s 6 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) All city, town, and district general elections shall be held
13 throughout the state of Washington on the first Tuesday following the
14 first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years.

15 This section shall not apply to:

16 (a) Elections for the recall of any elective public officer;

17 (b) Public utility districts, conservation districts, or district
18 elections at which the ownership of property within those districts is
19 a prerequisite to voting, all of which elections shall be held at the
20 times prescribed in the laws specifically applicable thereto;

21 (c) Consolidation proposals as provided for in RCW 28A.315.235 and
22 nonhigh capital fund aid proposals as provided for in chapter 28A.540
23 RCW.

24 (2) The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon
25 request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city,
26 town, or district, presented to the auditor (~~at least forty five~~
27 ~~days~~) prior to the proposed election date, may(~~, if the county~~
28 ~~auditor deems an emergency to exist,~~) call a special election in such
29 city, town, or district, and for the purpose of such special election
30 he or she may combine, unite, or divide precincts. Except as provided
31 in subsection (3) of this section, such a special election shall be
32 held on one of the following dates as decided by the governing body:

33 (a) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February;

34 (b) The second Tuesday in March;

35 (c) The fourth Tuesday in April;

36 (d) The third Tuesday in May;

1 (e) The day of the primary election as specified by RCW
2 (~~29A.04.310~~) 29A.04.311; or

3 (f) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

4 (3) A resolution calling for a special election on a date set forth
5 in subsection (2)(a) through (d) of this section must be presented to
6 the county auditor at least fifty-two days prior to the election date.
7 A resolution calling for a special election on a date set forth in
8 subsection (2)(e) or (f) of this section must be presented to the
9 county auditor at least eighty-four days prior to the election date.

10 (4) In a presidential election year, if a presidential preference
11 primary is conducted in February, March, April, or May under chapter
12 29A.56 RCW, the date on which a special election may be called under
13 subsection (2) of this section during the month of that primary is the
14 date of the presidential primary.

15 (~~(4)~~) (5) In addition to subsection (2)(a) through (f) of this
16 section, a special election to validate an excess levy or bond issue
17 may be called at any time to meet the needs resulting from fire, flood,
18 earthquake, or other act of God, except that no special election may be
19 held between the first day for candidates to file for public office and
20 the last day to certify the returns of the general election other than
21 as provided in subsection (2)(e) and (f) of this section. Such special
22 election shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the manner
23 provided by law.

24 (~~(5)~~) (6) This section shall supersede the provisions of any and
25 all other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having
26 different dates for such city, town, and district elections, the
27 purpose of this section being to establish mandatory dates for holding
28 elections.

29 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.20.121 and 2004 c 271 s 110 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) Any nomination of a candidate for partisan public office by
32 other than a major political party may be made only: (a) In a
33 convention held not earlier than the (~~last Saturday in June~~) first
34 Saturday in May and not later than the (~~first~~) second Saturday in
35 (~~July~~) May or during any of the seven days immediately preceding the
36 first day for filing declarations of candidacy as fixed in accordance

1 with RCW 29A.28.041; (b) as provided by RCW 29A.60.021; or (c) as
2 otherwise provided in this section. Minor political party and
3 independent candidates may appear only on the general election ballot.

4 (2) Nominations of candidates for president and vice president of
5 the United States other than by a major political party may be made
6 either at a convention conducted under subsection (1) of this section,
7 or at a similar convention taking place not earlier than the first
8 (~~Sunday in July~~) Saturday in June and not later than (~~seventy days~~
9 ~~before~~) the (~~general election~~) fourth Saturday in July. Conventions
10 held during this time period may not nominate candidates for any public
11 office other than president and vice president of the United States,
12 except as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

13 (3) If a special filing period for a partisan office is opened
14 under RCW 29A.24.211, candidates of minor political parties and
15 independent candidates may file for office during that special filing
16 period. The names of those candidates may not appear on the general
17 election ballot unless they are nominated by convention held no later
18 than five days after the close of the special filing period and a
19 certificate of nomination is filed with the filing officer no later
20 than three days after the convention. The requirements of RCW
21 29A.20.131 do not apply to such a convention.

22 (4) A minor political party may hold more than one convention but
23 in no case shall any such party nominate more than one candidate for
24 any one partisan public office or position. For the purpose of
25 nominating candidates for the offices of president and vice president,
26 United States senator, United States representative, or a statewide
27 office, a minor party or independent candidate holding multiple
28 conventions may add together the number of signatures of different
29 individuals from each convention obtained in support of the candidate
30 or candidates in order to obtain the number required by RCW 29A.20.141.
31 For all other offices for which nominations are made, signatures of the
32 requisite number of registered voters must be obtained at a single
33 convention.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.24.040 and 2003 c 111 s 604 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 A candidate may file his or her declaration of candidacy for an

1 office by electronic means on a system specifically designed and
2 authorized by a filing officer to accept filings.

3 (1) Filings that are received electronically must capture all
4 information specified in RCW (~~29A.24.030~~) 29A.24.031 (1) through (4).

5 (2) Electronic filing may begin at 9:00 a.m. the (~~fourth~~) first
6 Monday in (~~July~~) June and continue through 4:00 p.m. the following
7 Friday.

8 (3) In case of special filing periods established in this chapter,
9 electronic filings may be accepted beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the first
10 day of the special filing period through 4:00 p.m. the last day of the
11 special filing period.

12 **Sec. 6.** RCW 29A.24.050 and 2003 c 111 s 605 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 Except where otherwise provided by this title, declarations of
15 candidacy for the following offices shall be filed during regular
16 business hours with the filing officer no earlier than the (~~fourth~~)
17 first Monday in (~~July~~) June and no later than the following Friday in
18 the year in which the office is scheduled to be voted upon:

19 (1) Offices that are scheduled to be voted upon for full terms or
20 both full terms and short terms at, or in conjunction with, a state
21 general election; and

22 (2) Offices where a vacancy, other than a short term, exists that
23 has not been filled by election and for which an election to fill the
24 vacancy is required in conjunction with the next state general
25 election.

26 This section supersedes all other statutes that provide for a
27 different filing period for these offices.

28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 29A.24.171 and 2004 c 271 s 165 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 Filings for a nonpartisan office shall be reopened for a period of
31 three normal business days, such three-day period to be fixed by the
32 election officer with whom such declarations of candidacy are filed and
33 notice thereof given by notifying press, radio, and television in the
34 county and by such other means as may now or hereafter be provided by
35 law whenever before the (~~sixth~~) eleventh Tuesday prior to a primary:

36 (1) A void in candidacy occurs;

1 (2) A vacancy occurs in any nonpartisan office leaving an unexpired
2 term to be filled by an election for which filings have not been held;
3 or

4 (3) A nominee for judge of the superior court entitled to a
5 certificate of election pursuant to Article 4, section 29, Amendment 41
6 of the state Constitution, dies or is disqualified.

7 Candidacies validly filed within said three-day period shall appear
8 on the ballot as if made during the earlier filing period.

9 **Sec. 8.** RCW 29A.24.181 and 2004 c 271 s 166 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Filings for a nonpartisan office (other than judge of the supreme
12 court or superintendent of public instruction) shall be reopened for a
13 period of three normal business days, such three-day period to be fixed
14 by the election officer with whom such declarations of candidacy are
15 filed and notice thereof given by notifying press, radio, and
16 television in the county and by such other means as may now or
17 hereafter be provided by law, when:

18 (1) A void in candidacy for such nonpartisan office occurs on or
19 after the ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday prior to a primary but prior to
20 the ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday before an election; or

21 (2) A nominee for judge of the superior court eligible after a
22 contested primary for a certificate of election by Article 4, section
23 29, Amendment 41 of the state Constitution, dies or is disqualified
24 within the ten-day period immediately following the last day allotted
25 for a candidate to withdraw; or

26 (3) A vacancy occurs in any nonpartisan office on or after the
27 ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday prior to a primary but prior to the
28 ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday before an election leaving an unexpired term
29 to be filled by an election for which filings have not been held.

30 The candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast for that
31 office in the general election shall be deemed elected.

32 **Sec. 9.** RCW 29A.24.191 and 2004 c 271 s 167 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 A scheduled election shall be lapsed, the office deemed stricken
35 from the ballot, no purported write-in votes counted, and no candidate
36 certified as elected, when:

1 (1) In an election for judge of the supreme court or superintendent
2 of public instruction, a void in candidacy occurs on or after the
3 ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday prior to a primary, public filings and the
4 primary being an indispensable phase of the election process for such
5 offices;

6 (2) Except as otherwise specified in RCW 29A.24.181, a nominee for
7 judge of the superior court entitled to a certificate of election
8 pursuant to Article 4, section 29, Amendment 41 of the state
9 Constitution dies or is disqualified on or after the ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh
10 Tuesday prior to a primary;

11 (3) In other elections for nonpartisan office a void in candidacy
12 occurs or a vacancy occurs involving an unexpired term to be filled on
13 or after the ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday prior to an election.

14 **Sec. 10.** RCW 29A.24.211 and 2004 c 271 s 116 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Filings for a partisan elective office shall be opened for a period
17 of three normal business days whenever, on or after the first day of
18 the regular filing period and before the ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday
19 prior to a primary, a vacancy occurs in that office, leaving an
20 unexpired term to be filled by an election for which filings have not
21 been held.

22 Any such special three-day filing period shall be fixed by the
23 election officer with whom declarations of candidacy for that office
24 are filed. The election officer shall give notice of the special
25 three-day filing period by notifying the press, radio, and television
26 in the county or counties involved, and by such other means as may be
27 required by law.

28 Candidacies validly filed within the special three-day filing
29 period shall appear on the ballot as if filed during the regular filing
30 period.

31 **Sec. 11.** RCW 29A.28.021 and 2004 c 271 s 192 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 A vacancy caused by the death or disqualification of any candidate
34 or nominee of a major or minor political party may be filled at any
35 time up to and including the day prior to the election for that
36 position. For state partisan offices in any political subdivision

1 voted on solely by electors of a single county, an individual shall be
2 appointed to fill such vacancy by the county central committee in the
3 case of a major political party or by the state central committee or
4 comparable governing body in the case of a minor political party. For
5 other partisan offices, including federal or statewide offices, an
6 individual shall be appointed to fill such vacancy by the state central
7 committee or comparable governing body of the appropriate political
8 party.

9 If the vacancy occurs no later than the ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday
10 prior to the state primary or general election concerned and the
11 ballots have been printed, it shall be mandatory that they be corrected
12 by the appropriate election officers. In making such correction, it
13 shall not be necessary to reprint complete ballots if any other less
14 expensive technique can be used and the resulting correction is
15 reasonably clear.

16 If the vacancy occurs after the ((~~sixth~~)) eleventh Tuesday prior to
17 the state primary or general election and time does not exist in which
18 to correct ballots (including absentee ballots), either in total or in
19 part, then the votes cast or recorded for the person who has died or
20 become disqualified shall be counted for the person who has been named
21 to fill such vacancy.

22 When the secretary of state is the person with whom the appointment
23 by the major or minor political party is filed, the secretary shall, in
24 certifying candidates or nominations to the various county officers
25 insert the name of the person appointed to fill a vacancy.

26 If the secretary of state has already sent forth the certificate
27 when the appointment to fill a vacancy is filed, the secretary shall
28 forthwith certify to the county auditors of the proper counties the
29 name and place of residence of the person appointed to fill a vacancy,
30 the office for which the person is a candidate or nominee, the party
31 the person represents, and all other pertinent facts pertaining to the
32 vacancy.

33 **Sec. 12.** RCW 29A.28.041 and 2004 c 271 s 118 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the United States house of
36 representatives or the United States senate from this state, the

1 governor shall order a special election to fill the vacancy. Minor
2 political party candidates and independent candidates may be nominated
3 through the convention procedures provided in chapter 29A.20 RCW.

4 (2) Within ten days of such vacancy occurring, he or she shall
5 issue a writ of election fixing a date for the special vacancy election
6 not less than ninety days after the issuance of the writ, fixing a date
7 for the primary for nominating major political party candidates for the
8 special vacancy election not less than thirty days before the day fixed
9 for holding the special vacancy election, fixing the dates for the
10 special filing period, and designating the term or part of the term for
11 which the vacancy exists. If the vacancy is in the office of United
12 States representative, the writ of election shall specify the
13 congressional district that is vacant.

14 (3) If the vacancy occurs less than six months before a state
15 general election and before the second Friday following the close of
16 the filing period for that general election, the special primary,
17 special vacancy election, and minor party and independent candidate
18 nominating conventions must be held in concert with the state primary
19 and state general election in that year.

20 (4) If the vacancy occurs on or after the first day for filing
21 under RCW 29A.24.050 and on or before the second Friday following the
22 close of the filing period, a special filing period of three normal
23 business days shall be fixed by the governor and notice thereof given
24 to all media, including press, radio, and television within the area in
25 which the vacancy election is to be held, to the end that, insofar as
26 possible, all interested persons will be aware of such filing period.
27 The last day of the filing period shall not be later than the (~~third~~)
28 sixth Tuesday before the primary at which major political party
29 candidates are to be nominated. The names of major political party
30 candidates who have filed valid declarations of candidacy during this
31 three-day period shall appear on the approaching primary ballot. The
32 requirements of RCW 29A.20.131 do not apply to a minor political party
33 or independent candidate convention held under this subsection.

34 (5) If the vacancy occurs later than the second Friday following
35 the close of the filing period, a special primary, special vacancy
36 election, and the minor party and independent candidate conventions to
37 fill the position shall be held after the next state general election

1 but, in any event, no later than the ninetieth day following the
2 November election.

3 **Sec. 13.** RCW 29A.40.070 and 2004 c 266 s 13 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Except where a recount or litigation under RCW (~~29A.68.010~~)
6 29A.68.011 is pending, the county auditor shall have sufficient
7 absentee ballots available for absentee voters of that county, other
8 than overseas voters and service voters, at least twenty days before
9 any primary, general election, or special election. The county auditor
10 must mail absentee ballots to each voter for whom the county auditor
11 has received a request nineteen days before the primary or election at
12 least eighteen days before the primary or election. For a request for
13 an absentee ballot received after the nineteenth day before the primary
14 or election, the county auditor shall make every effort to mail ballots
15 within one business day, and shall mail the ballots within two business
16 days.

17 (2) (~~The county auditor shall make every effort to mail ballots to~~
18 ~~overseas and service voters earlier than eighteen days before a primary~~
19 ~~or election~~) At least thirty days before any primary, general
20 election, or special election, the county auditor shall mail ballots to
21 all overseas and service voters. A request for a ballot made by an
22 overseas or service voter after that day must be processed immediately.

23 (3) Each county auditor shall certify to the office of the
24 secretary of state the dates the ballots prescribed in subsection (1)
25 of this section were available and mailed.

26 (4) If absentee ballots will not be available or mailed as
27 prescribed in subsection (1) of this section, the county auditor shall
28 immediately certify to the office of the secretary of state when
29 absentee ballots will be available and mailed. Copies of this
30 certification must be provided to the county canvassing board, the
31 press, jurisdictions with issues on the ballot in the election, and any
32 candidates.

33 (5) If absentee ballots were not available or mailed as prescribed
34 in subsection (1) of this section, for a reason other than a recount or
35 litigation, the county auditor, in consultation with the certification
36 and training program of the office of the secretary of state, shall
37 submit a report to the office of the secretary of state outlining why

1 the deadline was missed and what corrective actions will be taken in
2 future elections to ensure that absentee ballots are available and
3 mailed as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section.

4 (6) Failure to have absentee ballots available and mailed as
5 prescribed in subsection (1) of this section does not by itself provide
6 a basis for an election contest or other legal challenge to the results
7 of a primary, general election, or special election.

8 **Sec. 14.** RCW 29A.52.011 and 2004 c 271 s 172 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Whenever it shall be necessary to hold a special election in an
11 odd-numbered year to fill an unexpired term of any office which is
12 scheduled to be voted upon for a full term in an even-numbered year, no
13 ((September)) primary election shall be held in the odd-numbered year
14 if, after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, either of
15 the following circumstances exist:

16 (1) No more than one candidate of each qualified political party
17 has filed a declaration of candidacy for the same partisan office to be
18 filled; or

19 (2) No more than two candidates have filed a declaration of
20 candidacy for a single nonpartisan office to be filled.

21 In either event, the officer with whom the declarations of
22 candidacy were filed shall immediately notify all candidates concerned
23 and the names of the candidates that would have been printed upon the
24 ((September)) primary ballot, but for the provisions of this section,
25 shall be printed as nominees for the positions sought upon the November
26 general election ballot.

27 **Sec. 15.** RCW 29A.56.030 and 2003 c 111 s 1403 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 The name of any candidate for a major political party nomination
30 for president of the United States shall be printed on the presidential
31 preference primary ballot of a major political party only:

32 (1) By direction of the secretary of state, who in the secretary's
33 sole discretion has determined that the candidate's candidacy is
34 generally advocated or is recognized in national news media; or

35 (2) If members of the political party of the candidate have
36 presented a petition for nomination of the candidate that has attached

1 to the petition a sheet or sheets containing the signatures of at least
2 one thousand registered voters who declare themselves in the petition
3 as being affiliated with the same political party as the presidential
4 candidate. The petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not
5 later than (~~the thirty-ninth day~~) sixty days before the presidential
6 preference primary. The signature sheets shall also contain the
7 residence address and name or number of the precinct of each registered
8 voter whose signature appears thereon and shall be certified in the
9 manner prescribed in RCW 29A.72.230 and 29A.72.240.

10 The secretary of state shall place the name of the candidate on the
11 ballot unless the candidate, at least (~~thirty-five~~) fifty-two days
12 before the presidential preference primary, executes and files with the
13 secretary of state an affidavit stating without qualification that he
14 or she is not now and will not become a candidate for the office of
15 president of the United States at the forthcoming presidential
16 election. The secretary of state shall certify the names of all
17 candidates who will appear on the presidential preference primary
18 ballot to the respective county auditors on or before the fourth
19 Tuesday in April of each presidential election year.

20 **Sec. 16.** RCW 29A.60.190 and 2005 c 243 s 16 and 2005 c 153 s 12
21 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

22 (1) Except as provided by subsection (3) of this section, (~~ten~~)
23 fifteen days after a primary or special election and twenty-one days
24 after a general election, the county canvassing board shall complete
25 the canvass and certify the results. Each absentee ballot that was
26 returned before the closing of the polls (~~on the date of the primary~~
27 ~~or election for which it was issued~~), and each absentee ballot
28 (~~with~~) bearing a postmark on or before the date of the primary or
29 election (~~for which it was issued~~) and received on or before the date
30 on which the primary or election is certified, must be included in the
31 canvass report.

32 (2) At the request of a caucus of the state legislature, the county
33 auditor shall transmit copies of all unofficial returns of state and
34 legislative primaries or elections prepared by or for the county
35 canvassing board to either the secretary of the senate or the chief
36 clerk of the house of representatives.

1 (3) On or before the thirtieth day after an election conducted
2 under the instant runoff voting method for the pilot project authorized
3 by RCW 29A.53.020, the canvassing board shall complete the canvass and
4 certify the results.

5 **Sec. 17.** RCW 29A.60.190 and 2005 c 243 s 16 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) ~~((Ten))~~ Fifteen days after a primary or special election and
8 twenty-one days after a general election, the county canvassing board
9 shall complete the canvass and certify the results. Each absentee
10 ballot that was returned before the closing of the polls ~~((on the date
11 of the primary or election for which it was issued))~~, and each absentee
12 ballot ~~((with))~~ bearing a postmark on or before the date of the primary
13 or election ~~((for which it was issued))~~ and received on or before the
14 date on which the primary or election is certified, must be included in
15 the canvass report.

16 (2) At the request of a caucus of the state legislature, the county
17 auditor shall transmit copies of all unofficial returns of state and
18 legislative primaries or elections prepared by or for the county
19 canvassing board to either the secretary of the senate or the chief
20 clerk of the house of representatives.

21 **Sec. 18.** RCW 27.12.355 and 1987 c 138 s 1 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (1) As provided in this section, a rural county library district,
24 island library district, or intercounty rural library district may
25 withdraw areas from its boundaries, or reannex areas into the library
26 district that previously had been withdrawn from the library district
27 under this section.

28 (2) The withdrawal of an area shall be authorized upon: (a)
29 Adoption of a resolution by the board of trustees requesting the
30 withdrawal and finding that, in the opinion of the board, inclusion of
31 this area within the library district will result in a reduction of the
32 district's tax levy rate under the provisions of RCW 84.52.010; and (b)
33 adoption of a resolution by the city or town council approving the
34 withdrawal, if the area is located within the city or town, or adoption
35 of a resolution by the county legislative authority of the county
36 within which the area is located approving the withdrawal, if the area

1 is located outside of a city or town. A withdrawal shall be effective
2 at the end of the day on the thirty-first day of December in the year
3 in which the resolutions are adopted, but for purposes of establishing
4 boundaries for property tax purposes, the boundaries shall be
5 established immediately upon the adoption of the second resolution.

6 The authority of an area to be withdrawn from a library district as
7 provided under this section is in addition, and not subject, to the
8 provisions of RCW 27.12.380.

9 The withdrawal of an area from the boundaries of a library district
10 shall not exempt any property therein from taxation for the purpose of
11 paying the costs of redeeming any indebtedness of the library district
12 existing at the time of the withdrawal.

13 (3) An area that has been withdrawn from the boundaries of a
14 library district under this section may be reannexed into the library
15 district upon: (a) Adoption of a resolution by the board of trustees
16 proposing the reannexation; and (b) adoption of a resolution by the
17 city or town council approving the reannexation, if the area is located
18 within the city or town, or adoption of a resolution by the county
19 legislative authority of the county within which the area is located
20 approving the reannexation, if the area is located outside of a city or
21 town. The reannexation shall be effective at the end of the day on the
22 thirty-first day of December in the year in which the adoption of the
23 second resolution occurs, but for purposes of establishing boundaries
24 for property tax purposes, the boundaries shall be established
25 immediately upon the adoption of the second resolution. Referendum
26 action on the proposed reannexation may be taken by the voters of the
27 area proposed to be reannexed if a petition calling for a referendum is
28 filed with the city or town council, or county legislative authority,
29 within a thirty-day period after the adoption of the second resolution,
30 which petition has been signed by registered voters of the area
31 proposed to be reannexed equal in number to ten percent of the total
32 number of the registered voters residing in that area.

33 If a valid petition signed by the requisite number of registered
34 voters has been so filed, the effect of the resolutions shall be held
35 in abeyance and a ballot proposition to authorize the reannexation
36 shall be submitted to the voters of the area at the next special
37 election date (~~specified in RCW 29.13.020 that occurs forty five or~~
38 ~~more days after the petitions have been validated~~) according to RCW

1 29A.04.330. Approval of the ballot proposition authorizing the
2 reannexation by a simple majority vote shall authorize the
3 reannexation.

4 **Sec. 19.** RCW 27.12.370 and 1982 c 123 s 14 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The county legislative authority or authorities shall by resolution
7 call a special election to be held in such city or town at the next
8 special election date (~~((provided in RCW 29.13.010 but not less than~~
9 ~~forty five days from the date of the declaration of such finding))~~
10 according to RCW 29A.04.321, and shall cause notice of such election to
11 be given as provided for in RCW (~~(29.27.080)~~) 29A.52.351.

12 The election on the annexation of the city or town into the library
13 district shall be conducted by the auditor of the county or counties in
14 which the city or town is located in accordance with the general
15 election laws of the state and the results thereof shall be canvassed
16 by the canvassing board of the county or counties. No person shall be
17 entitled to vote at such election unless he or she is registered to
18 vote in said city or town for at least thirty days preceding the date
19 of the election. The ballot proposition shall be in substantially the
20 following form:

21 "Shall the city or town of be annexed to and be
22 a part of library district?
23 YES
24 NO

25 If a majority of the persons voting on the proposition shall vote
26 in favor thereof, the city or town shall thereupon be annexed and shall
27 be a part of such library district.

28 **Sec. 20.** RCW 35.02.086 and 1986 c 234 s 11 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 Each candidate for a city or town elective position shall file a
31 declaration of candidacy with the county auditor of the county in which
32 all or the major portion of the city or town is located(~~(, not more~~
33 ~~than forty five nor less than thirty days)) prior to the primary
34 election at which the initial elected officials are nominated,
35 according to RCW 29A.24.050. The elective positions shall be as~~

1 provided in law for the type of city or town and form or plan of
2 government specified in the petition to incorporate, and for the
3 population of the city or town as determined by the county legislative
4 authority or boundary review board where applicable. Any candidate may
5 withdraw his or her declaration (~~((at any time within five days after~~
6 ~~the last day allowed for filing declaration of candidacy))~~ according to
7 RCW 29A.24.131. All names of candidates to be voted upon shall be
8 printed upon the ballot alphabetically in groups under the designation
9 of the respective titles of offices for which they are candidates.
10 Names of candidates printed upon the ballot need not be rotated.

11 **Sec. 21.** RCW 35.06.070 and 1994 c 81 s 8 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 A ballot proposition authorizing an advancement in classification
14 of a town to a second class city shall be submitted to the voters of
15 the town if either: (1) Petitions proposing the advancement are
16 submitted to the town clerk that have been signed by voters of the town
17 equal in number to at least ten percent of the voters of the town
18 voting at the last municipal general election; or (2) the town council
19 adopts a resolution proposing the advancement. The clerk shall
20 immediately forward the petitions to the county auditor who shall
21 review the signatures and certify the sufficiency of the petitions.

22 A ballot proposition authorizing an advancement shall be submitted
23 to the town voters at the next (~~(municipal general))~~ special election
24 (~~((occurring forty five or more days after the petitions are submitted))~~)
25 date according to RCW 29A.04.330 if the county auditor certifies the
26 petitions as having sufficient valid signatures. The town shall be
27 advanced to a second class city if the ballot proposition is approved
28 by a simple majority vote, effective when the corporation is actually
29 reorganized and the new officers are elected and qualified. The county
30 auditor shall notify the secretary of state if the advancement of a
31 town to a second class city is approved.

32 **Sec. 22.** RCW 35.13.1821 and 1998 c 286 s 2 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 The annexation ordinance provided for in RCW 35.13.182 is subject
35 to referendum for forty-five days after its passage. Upon the filing
36 of a timely and sufficient referendum petition with the legislative

1 body, signed by qualified electors in number equal to not less than ten
2 percent of the votes cast in the last general state election in the
3 area to be annexed, the question of annexation shall be submitted to
4 the voters of the area in a general election if one is to be held
5 within ninety days or at a special election called for that purpose
6 (~~(not less than forty five days nor more than ninety days after the~~
7 ~~filing of the referendum petition)) according to RCW 29A.04.330.
8 Notice of the election shall be given as provided in RCW 35.13.080 and
9 the election shall be conducted as provided in the general election
10 law. The annexation shall be deemed approved by the voters unless a
11 majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in opposition
12 thereto.~~

13 After the expiration of the forty-fifth day from but excluding the
14 date of passage of the annexation ordinance, if no timely and
15 sufficient referendum petition has been filed, the area annexed shall
16 become a part of the city or town upon the date fixed in the ordinance
17 of annexation.

18 **Sec. 23.** RCW 35.13.480 and 2003 c 299 s 2 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) The legislative body of any county planning under chapter
21 36.70A RCW and subject to the requirements of RCW 36.70A.215 may
22 initiate an annexation process with the legislative body of any other
23 cities or towns that are contiguous to the territory proposed for
24 annexation in RCW 35.13.470 if:

25 (a) The county legislative body initiated an annexation process as
26 provided in RCW 35.13.470; and

27 (b) The affected city or town legislative body adopted a responsive
28 resolution rejecting the proposed annexation or declined to create the
29 requested interlocal agreement with the county; or

30 (c) More than one hundred eighty days have passed since adoption of
31 a county resolution as provided for in RCW 35.13.470 and the parties
32 have not adopted or executed an interlocal agreement providing for the
33 annexation of unincorporated territory. The legislative body for
34 either the county or an affected city or town may, however, pass a
35 resolution extending the negotiation period for one or more six-month
36 periods if a public hearing is held and findings of fact are made prior
37 to each extension.

1 (2) Any county initiating the process provided for in subsection
2 (1) of this section must do so by adopting a resolution commencing
3 negotiations for an interlocal agreement as provided in chapter 39.34
4 RCW between the county and any city or town within the county. The
5 annexation area must be within an urban growth area designated under
6 RCW 36.70A.110 and at least sixty percent of the boundaries of the
7 territory to be annexed must be contiguous to one or more cities or
8 towns.

9 (3) The agreement shall describe the boundaries of the territory to
10 be annexed. A public hearing shall be held by each legislative body,
11 separately or jointly, before the agreement is executed. Each
12 legislative body holding a public hearing shall, separately or jointly,
13 publish the agreement at least once a week for two weeks before the
14 date of the hearing in one or more newspapers of general circulation
15 within the territory proposed for annexation.

16 (4) Following adoption and execution of the agreement by both
17 legislative bodies, the city or town legislative body shall adopt an
18 ordinance providing for the annexation. The legislative body shall
19 cause notice of the proposed effective date of the annexation, together
20 with a description of the property to be annexed, to be published at
21 least once each week for two weeks subsequent to passage of the
22 ordinance, in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the
23 city and in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the
24 territory to be annexed. If the annexation ordinance provides for
25 assumption of indebtedness or adoption of a proposed zoning regulation,
26 the notice shall include a statement of the requirements. Any area to
27 be annexed through an ordinance adopted under this section is annexed
28 and becomes a part of the city or town upon the date fixed in the
29 ordinance of annexation, which date may not be less than forty-five
30 days after adoption of the ordinance.

31 (5) The annexation ordinances provided for in RCW 35.13.470(4) and
32 subsection (4) of this section are subject to referendum for forty-five
33 days after passage. Upon the filing of a timely and sufficient
34 referendum petition with the legislative body, signed by registered
35 voters in number equal to not less than fifteen percent of the votes
36 cast in the last general state election in the area to be annexed, the
37 question of annexation shall be submitted to the voters of the area in
38 a general election if one is to be held within ninety days or at a

1 special election called for that purpose (~~(not less than forty five~~
2 ~~days nor more than ninety days after the filing of the referendum~~
3 ~~petition)) according to RCW 29A.04.330. Notice of the election shall
4 be given as provided in RCW 35.13.080 and the election shall be
5 conducted as provided in the general election law. The annexation
6 shall be deemed approved by the voters unless a majority of the votes
7 cast on the proposition are in opposition thereto.~~

8 After the expiration of the forty-fifth day from but excluding the
9 date of passage of the annexation ordinance, if no timely and
10 sufficient referendum petition has been filed, the area annexed shall
11 become a part of the city or town upon the date fixed in the ordinance
12 of annexation.

13 (6) If more than one city or town adopts interlocal agreements
14 providing for annexation of the same unincorporated territory as
15 provided by this section, an election shall be held in the area to be
16 annexed pursuant to RCW 35.13.070 and 35.13.080. In addition to the
17 provisions of RCW 35.13.070 and 35.13.080, the ballot shall also
18 contain a separate proposition allowing voters to cast votes in favor
19 of annexation to any one city or town participating in an interlocal
20 agreement as provided by this section. If a majority of voters voting
21 on the proposition vote against annexation, the proposition is
22 defeated. If, however, a majority of voters voting in the election
23 approve annexation, the area shall be annexed to the city or town
24 receiving the highest number of votes among those cast in favor of
25 annexation.

26 (7) Costs for an election required under subsection (6) of this
27 section shall be borne by the county.

28 **Sec. 24.** RCW 35.61.360 and 1987 c 138 s 2 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) As provided in this section, a metropolitan park district may
31 withdraw areas from its boundaries, or reannex areas into the
32 metropolitan park district that previously had been withdrawn from the
33 metropolitan park district under this section.

34 (2) The withdrawal of an area shall be authorized upon: (a)
35 Adoption of a resolution by the park district commissioners requesting
36 the withdrawal and finding that, in the opinion of the commissioners,
37 inclusion of this area within the metropolitan park district will

1 result in a reduction of the district's tax levy rate under the
2 provisions of RCW 84.52.010; and (b) adoption of a resolution by the
3 city or town council approving the withdrawal, if the area is located
4 within the city or town, or adoption of a resolution by the county
5 legislative authority of the county within which the area is located
6 approving the withdrawal, if the area is located outside of a city or
7 town. A withdrawal shall be effective at the end of the day on the
8 thirty-first day of December in the year in which the resolutions are
9 adopted, but for purposes of establishing boundaries for property tax
10 purposes, the boundaries shall be established immediately upon the
11 adoption of the second resolution.

12 The withdrawal of an area from the boundaries of a metropolitan
13 park district shall not exempt any property therein from taxation for
14 the purpose of paying the costs of redeeming any indebtedness of the
15 metropolitan park district existing at the time of the withdrawal.

16 (3) An area that has been withdrawn from the boundaries of a
17 metropolitan park district under this section may be reannexed into the
18 metropolitan park district upon: (a) Adoption of a resolution by the
19 park district commissioners proposing the reannexation; and (b)
20 adoption of a resolution by the city or town council approving the
21 reannexation, if the area is located within the city or town, or
22 adoption of a resolution by the county legislative authority of the
23 county within which the area is located approving the reannexation, if
24 the area is located outside of a city or town. The reannexation shall
25 be effective at the end of the day on the thirty-first day of December
26 in the year in which the adoption of the second resolution occurs, but
27 for purposes of establishing boundaries for property tax purposes, the
28 boundaries shall be established immediately upon the adoption of the
29 second resolution. Referendum action on the proposed reannexation may
30 be taken by the voters of the area proposed to be reannexed if a
31 petition calling for a referendum is filed with the city or town
32 council, or county legislative authority, within a thirty-day period
33 after the adoption of the second resolution, which petition has been
34 signed by registered voters of the area proposed to be reannexed equal
35 in number to ten percent of the total number of the registered voters
36 residing in that area.

37 If a valid petition signed by the requisite number of registered
38 voters has been so filed, the effect of the resolutions shall be held

1 in abeyance and a ballot proposition to authorize the reannexation
2 shall be submitted to the voters of the area at the next special
3 election date (~~specified in RCW 29.13.020 that occurs forty five or~~
4 ~~more days after the petitions have been validated~~) according to RCW
5 29A.04.330. Approval of the ballot proposition authorizing the
6 reannexation by a simple majority vote shall authorize the
7 reannexation.

8 **Sec. 25.** RCW 35A.14.299 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.14.299 are each
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Such annexation ordinance as provided for in RCW 35A.14.297 shall
11 be subject to referendum for forty-five days after the passage thereof.
12 Upon the filing of a timely and sufficient referendum petition with the
13 legislative body, signed by qualified electors in number equal to not
14 less than ten percent of the votes cast in the last general state
15 election in the area to be annexed, the question of annexation shall be
16 submitted to the voters of such area in a general election if one is to
17 be held within ninety days or at a special election called for that
18 purpose (~~not less than forty five days nor more than ninety days after~~
19 ~~the filing of the referendum petition~~) according to RCW 29A.04.330.
20 Notice of such election shall be given as provided in RCW 35A.14.070
21 and the election shall be conducted as provided in RCW (~~35A.14.060~~)
22 35A.29.151. The annexation shall be deemed approved by the voters
23 unless a majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in
24 opposition thereto.

25 After the expiration of the forty-fifth day from but excluding the
26 date of passage of the annexation ordinance, if no timely and
27 sufficient referendum petition has been filed, the area annexed shall
28 become a part of the code city upon the date fixed in the ordinance of
29 annexation. From and after such date, if the ordinance so provided,
30 property in the annexed area shall be subject to the proposed zoning
31 regulation prepared and filed for such area as provided in RCW
32 35A.14.330 and 35A.14.340. If the ordinance so provided, all property
33 within the area annexed shall be assessed and taxed at the same rate
34 and on the same basis as the property of such annexing code city is
35 assessed and taxed to pay for any then outstanding indebtedness of such
36 city contracted prior to, or existing at, the date of annexation.

1 **Sec. 26.** RCW 35A.14.470 and 2003 c 299 s 4 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The legislative body of any county planning under chapter
4 36.70A RCW and subject to the requirements of RCW 36.70A.215 may
5 initiate an annexation process with the legislative body of any other
6 cities or towns that are contiguous to the territory proposed for
7 annexation in RCW 35A.14.460 if:

8 (a) The county legislative body initiated an annexation process as
9 provided in RCW 35A.14.460; and

10 (b) The affected city legislative body adopted a responsive
11 resolution rejecting the proposed annexation or declined to create the
12 requested interlocal agreement with the county; or

13 (c) More than one hundred eighty days have passed since adoption of
14 a county resolution as provided for in RCW 35A.14.460 and the parties
15 have not adopted or executed an interlocal agreement providing for the
16 annexation of unincorporated territory. The legislative body for
17 either the county or an affected city may, however, pass a resolution
18 extending the negotiation period for one or more six-month periods if
19 a public hearing is held and findings of fact are made prior to each
20 extension.

21 (2) Any county initiating the process provided for in subsection
22 (1) of this section must do so by adopting a resolution commencing
23 negotiations for an interlocal agreement as provided in chapter 39.34
24 RCW between the county and any city or town within the county. The
25 annexation area must be within an urban growth area designated under
26 RCW 36.70A.110 and at least sixty percent of the boundaries of the
27 territory to be annexed must be contiguous to one or more cities or
28 towns.

29 (3) The agreement shall describe the boundaries of the territory to
30 be annexed. A public hearing shall be held by each legislative body,
31 separately or jointly, before the agreement is executed. Each
32 legislative body holding a public hearing shall, separately or jointly,
33 publish the agreement at least once a week for two weeks before the
34 date of the hearing in one or more newspapers of general circulation
35 within the territory proposed for annexation.

36 (4) Following adoption and execution of the agreement by both
37 legislative bodies, the city or town legislative body shall adopt an
38 ordinance providing for the annexation. The legislative body shall

1 cause notice of the proposed effective date of the annexation, together
2 with a description of the property to be annexed, to be published at
3 least once each week for two weeks subsequent to passage of the
4 ordinance, in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the
5 city and in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the
6 territory to be annexed. If the annexation ordinance provides for
7 assumption of indebtedness or adoption of a proposed zoning regulation,
8 the notice shall include a statement of the requirements. Any area to
9 be annexed through an ordinance adopted under this section is annexed
10 and becomes a part of the city or town upon the date fixed in the
11 ordinance of annexation, which date may not be less than forty-five
12 days after adoption of the ordinance.

13 (5) The annexation ordinances provided for in RCW 35A.14.460(4) and
14 subsection (4) of this section are subject to referendum for forty-five
15 days after passage. Upon the filing of a timely and sufficient
16 referendum petition with the legislative body, signed by registered
17 voters in number equal to not less than fifteen percent of the votes
18 cast in the last general state election in the area to be annexed, the
19 question of annexation shall be submitted to the voters of the area in
20 a general election if one is to be held within ninety days or at a
21 special election called for that purpose (~~not less than forty-five~~
22 ~~days nor more than ninety days after the filing of the referendum~~
23 ~~petition~~) according to RCW 29A.04.330. Notice of the election shall
24 be given as provided in RCW 35A.14.070 and the election shall be
25 conducted as provided in the general election law. The annexation
26 shall be deemed approved by the voters unless a majority of the votes
27 cast on the proposition are in opposition thereto.

28 After the expiration of the forty-fifth day from but excluding the
29 date of passage of the annexation ordinance, if no timely and
30 sufficient referendum petition has been filed, the area annexed shall
31 become a part of the city or town upon the date fixed in the ordinance
32 of annexation.

33 (6) If more than one city or town adopts interlocal agreements
34 providing for annexation of the same unincorporated territory as
35 provided by this section, an election shall be held in the area to be
36 annexed pursuant to RCW 35A.14.070. In addition to the provisions of
37 RCW 35A.14.070, the ballot shall also contain a separate proposition
38 allowing voters to cast votes in favor of annexation to any one city or

1 town participating in an interlocal agreement as provided by this
2 section. If a majority of voters voting on the proposition vote
3 against annexation, the proposition is defeated. If, however, a
4 majority of voters voting in the election approve annexation, the area
5 shall be annexed to the city or town receiving the highest number of
6 votes among those cast in favor of annexation.

7 (7) Costs for an election required under subsection (6) of this
8 section shall be borne by the county.

9 **Sec. 27.** RCW 36.24.190 and 1996 c 108 s 2 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 In a county with a population of two hundred fifty thousand or
12 more, the county legislative authority may, upon majority vote at an
13 election called by the county legislative authority, adopt a system
14 under which a medical examiner may be appointed to replace the office
15 of the coroner. The county legislative authority must adopt a
16 resolution or ordinance that creates the office of medical examiner at
17 least thirty days prior to the first day of filing for the primary
18 election for county offices. If a county adopts such a resolution or
19 ordinance, the resolution or ordinance shall be referred to the voters
20 for confirmation or rejection at the next date for a special election
21 (~~((that is more than forty five days from the date the resolution or
22 ordinance was adopted))~~) according to RCW 29A.04.321. If the resolution
23 or ordinance is approved by majority vote, no election shall be held
24 for the position of coroner and the coroner's position is abolished
25 following the expiration of the coroner's term of office or upon
26 vacating of the office of the coroner for any reason. The county
27 legislative authority shall appoint a medical examiner to assume the
28 statutory duties performed by the county coroner and the appointment
29 shall become effective following the expiration of the coroner's term
30 of office or upon the vacating of the office of the coroner. To be
31 appointed as a medical examiner pursuant to this section, a person must
32 either be: (1) Certified as a forensic pathologist by the American
33 board of pathology; or (2) a qualified physician eligible to take the
34 American board of pathology exam in forensic pathology within one year
35 of being appointed. A physician specializing in pathology who is
36 appointed to the position of medical examiner and who is not certified

1 as a forensic pathologist must pass the pathology exam within three
2 years of the appointment.

3 **Sec. 28.** RCW 36.93.030 and 1991 c 363 s 91 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) There is hereby created and established in each county with a
6 population of two hundred ten thousand or more a board to be known and
7 designated as a "boundary review board".

8 (2) A boundary review board may be created and established in any
9 other county in the following manner:

10 (a) The county legislative authority may, by majority vote, adopt
11 a resolution establishing a boundary review board; or

12 (b) A petition seeking establishment of a boundary review board
13 signed by qualified electors residing in the county equal in number to
14 at least five percent of the votes cast in the county at the last
15 county general election may be filed with the county auditor.

16 Upon the filing of such a petition, the county auditor shall
17 examine the same and certify to the sufficiency of the signatures
18 thereon. No person may withdraw his or her name from a petition after
19 it has been filed with the auditor. Within thirty days after the
20 filing of such petition, the county auditor shall transmit the same to
21 the county legislative authority, together with his or her certificate
22 of sufficiency.

23 After receipt of a valid petition for the establishment of a
24 boundary review board, the county legislative authority shall submit
25 the question of whether a boundary review board should be established
26 to the electorate at the next ((county)) primary or ((county)) general
27 election ((which occurs more than forty five days from the date of
28 receipt of the petition)) according to RCW 29A.04.321. Notice of the
29 election shall be given as provided in RCW ((29.27.080)) 29A.52.351 and
30 shall include a clear statement of the proposal to be submitted.

31 If a majority of the persons voting on the proposition shall vote
32 in favor of the establishment of the boundary review board, such board
33 shall thereupon be deemed established.

34 **Sec. 29.** RCW 42.12.040 and 2003 c 238 s 4 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 (1) If a vacancy occurs in any partisan elective office in the

1 executive or legislative branches of state government or in any
2 partisan county elective office before the (~~sixth~~) eleventh Tuesday
3 prior to the primary for the next general election following the
4 occurrence of the vacancy, a successor shall be elected to that office
5 at that general election. Except during the last year of the term of
6 office, if such a vacancy occurs on or after the (~~sixth~~) eleventh
7 Tuesday prior to the primary for that general election, the election of
8 the successor shall occur at the next succeeding general election. The
9 elected successor shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired
10 term. This section shall not apply to any vacancy occurring in a
11 charter county which has charter provisions inconsistent with this
12 section.

13 (2) If a vacancy occurs in any legislative office or in any
14 partisan county office after the general election in a year that the
15 position appears on the ballot and before the start of the next term,
16 the term of the successor who is of the same party as the incumbent may
17 commence once he or she has qualified as defined in RCW (~~29.01.135~~)
18 29A.04.133 and shall continue through the term for which he or she was
19 elected.

20 **Sec. 30.** RCW 42.17.080 and 2005 c 184 s 1 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1) On the day the treasurer is designated, each candidate or
23 political committee shall file with the commission and the county
24 auditor or elections officer of the county in which the candidate
25 resides, or in the case of a political committee, the county in which
26 the treasurer resides, in addition to any statement of organization
27 required under RCW 42.17.040 or 42.17.050, a report of all
28 contributions received and expenditures made prior to that date, if
29 any.

30 (2) At the following intervals each treasurer shall file with the
31 commission and the county auditor or elections officer of the county in
32 which the candidate resides, or in the case of a political committee,
33 the county in which the committee maintains its office or headquarters,
34 and if there is no office or headquarters then in the county in which
35 the treasurer resides, a report containing the information required by
36 RCW 42.17.090:

1 (a) On the twenty-first day and the seventh day immediately
2 preceding the date on which the election is held; and

3 (b) On the tenth day of the first month after the election(~~(+~~
4 ~~PROVIDED, That this report shall not be required following a primary~~
5 ~~election from:~~

6 ~~(i) A candidate whose name will appear on the subsequent general~~
7 ~~election ballot; or~~

8 ~~(ii) Any continuing political committee)); and~~

9 (c) On the tenth day of each month in which no other reports are
10 required to be filed under this section: PROVIDED, That such report
11 shall only be filed if the committee has received a contribution or
12 made an expenditure in the preceding calendar month and either the
13 total contributions received or total expenditures made since the last
14 such report exceed two hundred dollars.

15 When there is no outstanding debt or obligation, and the campaign
16 fund is closed, and the campaign is concluded in all respects, and in
17 the case of a political committee, the committee has ceased to function
18 and has dissolved, the treasurer shall file a final report. Upon
19 submitting a final report, the duties of the treasurer shall cease and
20 there shall be no obligation to make any further reports.

21 The report filed twenty-one days before the election shall report
22 all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of the
23 fifth business day before the date of the report. The report filed
24 seven days before the election shall report all contributions received
25 and expenditures made as of the end of the one business day before the
26 date of the report. Reports filed on the tenth day of the month shall
27 report all contributions received and expenditures made from the
28 closing date of the last report filed through the last day of the month
29 preceding the date of the current report.

30 (3) For the period beginning the first day of the fourth month
31 preceding the date on which the special (~~or general~~) election is
32 held, or for the period beginning the first day of the fifth month
33 before the date on which the general election is held, and ending on
34 the date of that special or general election, each Monday the treasurer
35 shall file with the commission and the appropriate county elections
36 officer a report of each bank deposit made during the previous seven
37 calendar days. The report shall contain the name of each person
38 contributing the funds so deposited and the amount contributed by each

1 person. However, contributions of no more than twenty-five dollars in
2 the aggregate from any one person may be deposited without identifying
3 the contributor. A copy of the report shall be retained by the
4 treasurer for his or her records. In the event of deposits made by a
5 deputy treasurer, the copy shall be forwarded to the treasurer for his
6 or her records. Each report shall be certified as correct by the
7 treasurer or deputy treasurer making the deposit.

8 (4) If a city requires that candidates or committees for city
9 offices file reports with a city agency, the candidate or treasurer so
10 filing need not also file the report with the county auditor or
11 elections officer.

12 (5) The treasurer or candidate shall maintain books of account
13 accurately reflecting all contributions and expenditures on a current
14 basis within five business days of receipt or expenditure. During the
15 eight days immediately preceding the date of the election the books of
16 account shall be kept current within one business day. As specified in
17 the committee's statement of organization filed under RCW 42.17.040,
18 the books of account must be open for public inspection by appointment
19 at the designated place for inspections between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
20 on any day from the eighth day immediately before the election through
21 the day immediately before the election, other than Saturday, Sunday,
22 or a legal holiday. It is a violation of this chapter for a candidate
23 or political committee to refuse to allow and keep an appointment for
24 an inspection to be conducted during these authorized times and days.
25 The appointment must be allowed at an authorized time and day for such
26 inspections that is within twenty-four hours of the time and day that
27 is requested for the inspection.

28 (6) The treasurer or candidate shall preserve books of account,
29 bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or
30 political committee for not less than five calendar years following the
31 year during which the transaction occurred.

32 (7) All reports filed pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this
33 section shall be certified as correct by the candidate and the
34 treasurer.

35 (8) Copies of all reports filed pursuant to this section shall be
36 readily available for public inspection for at least two consecutive
37 hours Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, between 8:00
38 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., as specified in the committee's statement of

1 organization filed pursuant to RCW 42.17.040, at the principal
2 headquarters or, if there is no headquarters, at the address of the
3 treasurer or such other place as may be authorized by the commission.

4 (9) After January 1, 2002, a report that is filed with the
5 commission electronically need not also be filed with the county
6 auditor or elections officer.

7 (10) The commission shall adopt administrative rules establishing
8 requirements for filer participation in any system designed and
9 implemented by the commission for the electronic filing of reports.

10 **Sec. 31.** RCW 42.17.710 and 2003 c 164 s 3 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) During the period beginning on the thirtieth day before the
13 date a regular legislative session convenes and continuing (~~thirty~~
14 ~~days past~~) through the date of final adjournment, and during the
15 period beginning on the date a special legislative session convenes and
16 continuing through the date that session adjourns, no state official or
17 a person employed by or acting on behalf of a state official or state
18 legislator may solicit or accept contributions to a public office fund,
19 to a candidate or authorized committee, or to retire a campaign debt.

20 (2) This section does not apply to activities authorized in RCW
21 43.07.370.

22 **Sec. 32.** RCW 52.02.080 and 1989 c 63 s 6 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 The election on the formation of the district and to elect the
25 initial fire commissioners shall be conducted by the election officials
26 of the county or counties in which the proposed district is located in
27 accordance with the general election laws of the state. This election
28 shall be held at the next general election date(~~(, as specified under~~
29 ~~RCW 29.13.020))~~ according to RCW 29A.04.321 and 29A.04.330, that occurs
30 (~~(forty five or more days))~~) after the date of the action by the
31 boundary review board, or county legislative authority or authorities,
32 approving the proposal.

33 **Sec. 33.** RCW 52.04.056 and 1989 c 63 s 11 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 (1) As provided in this section, a fire protection district may

1 withdraw areas from its boundaries, or reannex areas into the fire
2 protection district that previously had been withdrawn from the fire
3 protection district under this section.

4 (2) The withdrawal of an area shall be authorized upon: (a)
5 Adoption of a resolution by the board of fire commissioners requesting
6 the withdrawal and finding that, in the opinion of the board, inclusion
7 of this area within the fire protection district will result in a
8 reduction of the district's tax levy rate under the provisions of RCW
9 84.52.010; and (b) adoption of a resolution by the city or town council
10 approving the withdrawal, if the area is located within the city or
11 town, or adoption of a resolution by the county legislative authority
12 or authorities of the county or counties within which the area is
13 located approving the withdrawal, if the area is located outside of a
14 city or town. A withdrawal shall be effective at the end of the day on
15 the thirty-first day of December in the year in which the resolutions
16 are adopted, but for purposes of establishing boundaries for property
17 tax purposes, the boundaries shall be established immediately upon the
18 adoption of the second resolution.

19 The authority of an area to be withdrawn from a fire protection
20 district as provided under this section is in addition, and not
21 subject, to the provisions of RCW 52.04.101.

22 The withdrawal of an area from the boundaries of a fire protection
23 district shall not exempt any property therein from taxation for the
24 purpose of paying the costs of redeeming any indebtedness of the fire
25 protection district existing at the time of the withdrawal.

26 (3) An area that has been withdrawn from the boundaries of a fire
27 protection district under this section may be reannexed into the fire
28 protection district upon: (a) Adoption of a resolution by the board of
29 fire commissioners proposing the reannexation; and (b) adoption of a
30 resolution by the city or town council approving the reannexation, if
31 the area is located within the city or town, or adoption of a
32 resolution by the county legislative authority or authorities of the
33 county or counties within which the area is located approving the
34 reannexation, if the area is located outside of a city or town. The
35 reannexation shall be effective at the end of the day on the thirty-
36 first day of December in the year in which the adoption of the second
37 resolution occurs, but for purposes of establishing boundaries for
38 property tax purposes, the boundaries shall be established immediately

1 upon the adoption of the second resolution. Referendum action on the
2 proposed reannexation may be taken by the voters of the area proposed
3 to be reannexed if a petition calling for a referendum is filed with
4 the city or town council, or county legislative authority or
5 authorities, within a thirty-day period after the adoption of the
6 second resolution, which petition has been signed by registered voters
7 of the area proposed to be reannexed equal in number to ten percent of
8 the total number of the registered voters residing in that area.

9 If a valid petition signed by the requisite number of registered
10 voters has been so filed, the effect of the resolutions shall be held
11 in abeyance and a ballot proposition to authorize the reannexation
12 shall be submitted to the voters of the area at the next special
13 election date (~~specified in RCW 29.13.020 that occurs forty five or~~
14 ~~more days after the petitions have been validated~~) according to RCW
15 29A.04.330. Approval of the ballot proposition authorizing the
16 reannexation by a simple majority vote shall authorize the
17 reannexation.

18 **Sec. 34.** RCW 52.04.071 and 1984 c 230 s 16 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 The county legislative authority or authorities shall by resolution
21 call a special election to be held in the city or town and in the fire
22 protection district at the next date (~~provided in RCW 29.13.010 but~~
23 ~~not less than forty five days from the date of the declaration of the~~
24 ~~finding~~) according to RCW 29A.04.321, and shall cause notice of the
25 election to be given as provided for in RCW (~~29.27.080~~) 29A.52.351.

26 The election on the annexation of the city or town into the fire
27 protection district shall be conducted by the auditor of the county or
28 counties in which the city or town and the fire protection district are
29 located in accordance with the general election laws of the state. The
30 results thereof shall be canvassed by the canvassing board of the
31 county or counties. No person is entitled to vote at the election
32 unless he or she is a qualified elector in the city or town or unless
33 he or she is a qualified elector within the boundaries of the fire
34 protection district. The ballot proposition shall be in substantially
35 the following form:

36 "Shall the city or town of be annexed to and be a part
37 of fire protection district?"

1 YES
2 NO "

3 If a majority of the persons voting on the proposition in the city
4 or town and a majority of the persons voting on the proposition in the
5 fire protection district vote in favor thereof, the city or town shall
6 be annexed and shall be a part of the fire protection district.

7 **Sec. 35.** RCW 53.04.110 and 1998 c 240 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Any port district now existing or which may hereafter be organized
10 under the laws of the state of Washington is hereby authorized to
11 change its corporate name under the following conditions and in the
12 following manner:

13 (1) On presentation(~~(, at least forty five days before any general~~
14 ~~port election to be held in the port district,)~~) of a petition to the
15 commissioners of any port district now existing or which may hereafter
16 be established under the laws of the state of Washington, signed by at
17 least ten percent of the total number of voters of the port district
18 who voted at the last general port election and asking that the
19 corporate name of the port district be changed, it shall be the duty of
20 the commissioners to submit to the voters of the port district the
21 proposition as to whether the corporate name of the port shall be
22 changed. The proposition shall be submitted at the next general port
23 election according to RCW 29A.04.330.

24 (2) The petition shall contain the present corporate name of the
25 port district and the corporate name which is proposed to be given to
26 the port district.

27 (3) On submitting the proposition to the voters of the port
28 district it shall be the duty of the port commissioners to cause to be
29 printed on the official ballot used at the election the following
30 proposition:

31 "Shall the corporate name, 'Port of ' be
32 changed to 'Port of ' YES
33 "Shall the corporate name, 'Port of ' be
34 changed to 'Port of ' NO"

35 (4) At the time when the returns of the general election shall be

1 canvassed by the commissioners of the port district, it shall be the
2 duty of the commissioners to canvass the vote upon the proposition so
3 submitted, recording in their record the result of the canvass.

4 (5) Should a majority of the registered voters of the port district
5 voting at the general port election vote in favor of the proposition it
6 shall be the duty of the port commissioners to certify the fact to the
7 auditor of the county in which the port district shall be situated and
8 to the secretary of state of the state of Washington, under the seal of
9 the port district. On and after the filing of the certificate with the
10 county auditor as aforesaid and with the secretary of state of the
11 state of Washington, the corporate name of the port district shall be
12 changed, and thenceforth the port district shall be known and
13 designated in accordance therewith.

14 **Sec. 36.** RCW 54.08.010 and 1985 c 469 s 55 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 At any general election held in an even-numbered year, the county
17 legislative authority of any county in this state may, or, on petition
18 of ten percent of the qualified electors of the county based on the
19 total vote cast in the last general county election held in an even-
20 numbered year, shall, by resolution, submit to the voters of the county
21 the proposition of creating a public utility district which shall be
22 coextensive with the limits of the county as now or hereafter
23 established. A form of petition for the creation of a public utility
24 district shall be submitted to the county auditor within ten months
25 prior to the election at which the proposition is to be submitted to
26 the voters. Petitions shall be filed with the county auditor not less
27 than four months before the election and the county auditor shall
28 within thirty days examine the signatures thereof and certify to the
29 sufficiency or insufficiency thereof. If the petition be found to be
30 insufficient, it shall be returned to the persons filing the same, who
31 may amend or add names thereto for ten days, when the same shall be
32 returned to the county auditor, who shall have an additional fifteen
33 days to examine the same and attach his certificate thereto. No person
34 having signed the petition shall be allowed to withdraw his name
35 therefrom after the filing of the same with the county auditor:
36 PROVIDED, That each signature shall be dated and that no signature
37 dated prior to the date on which the form of petition was submitted to

1 the county auditor shall be valid. Whenever the petition shall be
2 certified to as sufficient, the county auditor shall forthwith transmit
3 the same, together with his certificate of sufficiency attached
4 thereto, to the county legislative authority which shall submit the
5 proposition to the voters of the county at the next general election in
6 an even-numbered year (~~occurring forty five days after submission of~~
7 ~~the proposition to the legislative authority~~) according to RCW
8 29A.04.330. The notice of the election shall state the boundaries of
9 the proposed public utility district and the object of such election,
10 and shall in other respects conform to the requirements of the general
11 laws of the state of Washington, governing the time and manner of
12 holding elections. In submitting the question to the voters for their
13 approval or rejection, the proposition shall be expressed on the ballot
14 substantially in the following terms:

- 15 Public Utility District No. YES
16 Public Utility District No. NO

17 Any petition for the formation of a public utility district may
18 describe a less area than the entire county in which the petition is
19 filed, the boundaries of which shall follow the then existing precinct
20 boundaries and not divide any voting precinct; and in the event that
21 such a petition is filed the county legislative authority shall fix a
22 date for a hearing on such petition, and shall publish the petition,
23 without the signatures thereto appended, for two weeks prior to the
24 date of the hearing, together with a notice stating the time of the
25 meeting when the petition will be heard. The publication, and all
26 other publications required by chapter 1, Laws of 1931, shall be in a
27 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the district is
28 situated. The hearing on the petition may be adjourned from time to
29 time, not exceeding four weeks in all. If upon the final hearing the
30 county legislative authority shall find that any lands have been
31 unjustly or improperly included within the proposed public utility
32 district and will not be benefited by inclusion therein, it shall
33 change and fix the boundary lines in such manner as it shall deem
34 reasonable and just and conducive to the public welfare and
35 convenience, and make and enter an order establishing and defining the
36 boundary lines of the proposed public utility district: PROVIDED, That
37 no lands shall be included within the boundaries so fixed lying outside
38 the boundaries described in the petition, except upon the written

1 request of the owners of those lands. Thereafter the same procedure
2 shall be followed as prescribed in this chapter for the formation of a
3 public utility district including an entire county, except that the
4 petition and election shall be confined solely to the lesser public
5 utility district.

6 No public utility district created after September 1, 1979, shall
7 include any other public utility district within its boundaries:
8 PROVIDED, That this paragraph shall not alter, amend, or modify
9 provisions of chapter 54.32 RCW.

10 **Sec. 37.** RCW 54.08.070 and 1979 ex.s. c 240 s 2 are each amended
11 to read as follows:

12 Any district which does not own or operate electric facilities for
13 the generation, transmission or distribution of electric power on March
14 25, 1969, or any district which hereafter does not construct or acquire
15 such electric facilities within ten years of its creation, shall not
16 construct or acquire any such electric facilities without the approval
17 of such proposal by the voters of such district: PROVIDED, That a
18 district shall have the power to construct or acquire electric
19 facilities within ten years following its creation by action of its
20 commission without voter approval of such action.

21 At any general election held in an even-numbered year, the proposal
22 to construct or acquire electric facilities may be submitted to the
23 voters of the district by resolution of the public utility district
24 commission or shall be submitted to the voters of the district by the
25 county legislative authority on petition of ten percent of the
26 qualified electors of such district, based on the total vote cast in
27 the last general county election held in an even-numbered year. A form
28 of petition for the construction or acquisition of electric facilities
29 by the public utility district shall be submitted to the county auditor
30 within ten months prior to the election at which such proposition is to
31 be submitted to the voters. Petitions shall be filed with the county
32 auditor not less than four months before such election and the county
33 auditor shall within thirty days examine the signatures thereof and
34 certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency thereof. If such petition
35 is found to be insufficient, it shall be returned to the persons filing
36 the same, who may amend and add names thereto for ten days, when the
37 same shall be returned to the county auditor, who shall have an

1 additional fifteen days to examine the same and attach his certificate
2 thereto. No person having signed such petition shall be allowed to
3 withdraw his name therefrom after the filing of the same with the
4 county auditor: PROVIDED, That each signature shall be dated and that
5 no signature dated prior to the date on which the form of petition was
6 submitted to the county auditor shall be valid. Whenever such petition
7 shall be certified to as sufficient, the county auditor shall forthwith
8 transmit the same, together with his certificate of sufficiency
9 attached thereto, to the county legislative authority which shall
10 submit such proposition to the voters of said district at the next
11 general election in an even-numbered year (~~occurring forty five days~~
12 ~~after submission of the proposition to said legislative authority~~)
13 according to RCW 29A.04.330. The notice of the election shall state
14 the object of such election, and shall in other respects conform to the
15 requirements of the general laws of Washington, governing the time and
16 manner of holding elections.

17 The proposal submitted to the voters for their approval or
18 rejection, shall be expressed on the ballot substantially in the
19 following terms:

20 Shall Public Utility District No. of County
21 construct or acquire electric facilities for the generation,
22 transmission or distribution of electric power?

23 Yes
24 No

25 Within ten days after such election, the election board of the
26 county shall canvass the returns, and if at such election a majority of
27 the voters voting on such proposition shall vote in favor of such
28 construction or acquisition of electric facilities, the district shall
29 be authorized to construct or acquire electric facilities.

30 **Sec. 38.** RCW 57.04.050 and 1999 c 153 s 1 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 Upon entry of the findings of the final hearing on the petition if
33 one or more county legislative authorities find that the proposed
34 district will be conducive to the public health, welfare, and
35 convenience and will benefit the land therein, they shall present a
36 resolution to the county auditor calling for a special election to be

1 held at a date (~~specified under RCW 29.13.020, that occurs forty five~~
2 ~~or more days after the resolution is presented~~) according to RCW
3 29A.04.330, at which a ballot proposition authorizing the district to
4 be created shall be submitted to voters for their approval or
5 rejection. The commissioners shall cause to be published a notice of
6 the election for four successive weeks in a newspaper of general
7 circulation in the proposed district, which notice shall state the
8 hours during which the polls will be open, the boundaries of the
9 district as finally adopted and the object of the election, and the
10 notice shall also be posted ten days in ten public places in the
11 proposed district. The district shall be created if the ballot
12 proposition authorizing the district to be created is approved by a
13 majority of the voters voting on the proposition.

14 A separate ballot proposition authorizing the district, if created,
15 to impose a single-year excess levy for the preliminary expenses of the
16 district shall be submitted to voters for their approval or rejection
17 at the same special election, if the petition to create the district
18 also proposed that a ballot proposition authorizing an excess levy be
19 submitted to voters for their approval or rejection. The excess levy
20 shall be proposed in the amount specified in the petition to create the
21 district, not to exceed one dollar and twenty-five cents per thousand
22 dollars of assessed value, and may only be submitted to voters for
23 their approval or rejection if the special election is held in
24 February, March, April, or May. The proposition to be effective must
25 be approved in the manner set forth in Article VII, section 2(a) of the
26 state Constitution.

27 **Sec. 39.** RCW 70.44.235 and 1987 c 138 s 4 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) As provided in this section, a public hospital district may
30 withdraw areas from its boundaries, or reannex areas into the public
31 hospital district that previously had been withdrawn from the public
32 hospital district under this section.

33 (2) The withdrawal of an area shall be authorized upon: (a)
34 Adoption of a resolution by the hospital district commissioners
35 requesting the withdrawal and finding that, in the opinion of the
36 commissioners, inclusion of this area within the public hospital
37 district will result in a reduction of the district's tax levy rate

1 under the provisions of RCW 84.52.010; and (b) adoption of a resolution
2 by the city or town council approving the withdrawal, if the area is
3 located within the city or town, or adoption of a resolution by the
4 county legislative authority of the county within which the area is
5 located approving the withdrawal, if the area is located outside of a
6 city or town. A withdrawal shall be effective at the end of the day on
7 the thirty-first day of December in the year in which the resolutions
8 are adopted, but for purposes of establishing boundaries for property
9 tax purposes, the boundaries shall be established immediately upon the
10 adoption of the second resolution.

11 The withdrawal of an area from the boundaries of a public hospital
12 district shall not exempt any property therein from taxation for the
13 purpose of paying the costs of redeeming any indebtedness of the public
14 hospital district existing at the time of the withdrawal.

15 (3) An area that has been withdrawn from the boundaries of a public
16 hospital district under this section may be reannexed into the public
17 hospital district upon: (a) Adoption of a resolution by the hospital
18 district commissioners proposing the reannexation; and (b) adoption of
19 a resolution by the city or town council approving the reannexation, if
20 the area is located within the city or town, or adoption of a
21 resolution by the county legislative authority of the county within
22 which the area is located approving the reannexation, if the area is
23 located outside of a city or town. The reannexation shall be effective
24 at the end of the day on the thirty-first day of December in the year
25 in which the adoption of the second resolution occurs, but for purposes
26 of establishing boundaries for property tax purposes, the boundaries
27 shall be established immediately upon the adoption of the second
28 resolution. Referendum action on the proposed reannexation may be
29 taken by the voters of the area proposed to be reannexed if a petition
30 calling for a referendum is filed with the city or town council, or
31 county legislative authority, within a thirty-day period after the
32 adoption of the second resolution, which petition has been signed by
33 registered voters of the area proposed to be reannexed equal in number
34 to ten percent of the total number of the registered voters residing in
35 that area.

36 If a valid petition signed by the requisite number of registered
37 voters has been so filed, the effect of the resolutions shall be held
38 in abeyance and a ballot proposition to authorize the reannexation

1 shall be submitted to the voters of the area at the next special
2 election date (~~specified in RCW 29.13.020 that occurs forty five or~~
3 ~~more days after the petitions have been validated~~) according to RCW
4 29A.04.330. Approval of the ballot proposition authorizing the
5 reannexation by a simple majority vote shall authorize the
6 reannexation.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 40. RCW 29A.04.158 (September primary) and 2004
8 c 271 s 187 are each repealed.

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 41. Sections 1 through 16 and 18 through 40 of
10 this act take effect January 1, 2007.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 42. Section 16 of this act expires July 1,
12 2013.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 43. Section 17 of this act takes effect July 1,
14 2013."

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15 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "deadlines;" strike the
16 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 29A.04.311, 29A.04.321,
17 29A.04.330, 29A.20.121, 29A.24.040, 29A.24.050, 29A.24.171, 29A.24.181,
18 29A.24.191, 29A.24.211, 29A.28.021, 29A.28.041, 29A.40.070, 29A.52.011,
19 29A.56.030, 29A.60.190, 27.12.355, 27.12.370, 35.02.086, 35.06.070,
20 35.13.1821, 35.13.480, 35.61.360, 35A.14.299, 35A.14.470, 36.24.190,
21 36.93.030, 42.12.040, 42.17.080, 42.17.710, 52.02.080, 52.04.056,
22 52.04.071, 53.04.110, 54.08.010, 54.08.070, 57.04.050, and 70.44.235;
23 reenacting and amending RCW 29A.60.190; repealing RCW 29A.04.158;
24 providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date."

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